

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS INTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been persistent demands from various State Governments for upgradation of airports in their State into international airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Union Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Various State Governments have demanded upgradation of airports into international airports, such as :Uttar Pradesh - Lucknow, Uttarakhand - Dehradun, Andhra Pradesh - Visakhapatnam, Karnataka - Mangalore, Tamil Nadu - Madurai, Coimbatore, Orissa - Bhubneswar, Andaman & Nicobar - Port Blair and West Bengal - Bagdogra.

(c) The upgradation of airports to international airports is undertaken on the basis of demands from airlines/State/ Union Territory Governments, traffic potential, land availability, resources, commercial viability etc.